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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT REQUESTED FOR NEW BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM

1. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HERE HAS INFORMED US GOB HAS REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR RADENKO GRIGOROV TO SUCCEED STEFAN STOYANOV AS AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM. THE APPOINTMENT IS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL IN THAT RADENKO IS 64, RATHER OLD FOR A BULGARIAN DIPLOMAT, AND HAS BEEN WITHOUT ANY PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED DUTIES SINCE HIS DISMISSAL IN MAY 1976 AS CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT THE BCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

2. GRIGOROV WAS BORN IN 1913 IN THE VILLAGE OF GABRESHEVTSI, KYUSTENDIL OKRUG, AND THUS PROBABLY A MACEDONIAN. WIFE ILLYANA OR LILYANA; ONE DAUGHTER, TATYANA, SAID TO BE MARRIED TO A MEMBER OF THE BULGARIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, NAME UNKNOWN. JOINED KOMSOMOL 1931 AND BCP 1937 (AT WHICH TIME HE WAS WORKING AS A CARPENTER). HIS "OFFICIAL" BIOGRAPHY SAYS HE WAS A PARTISAN 1941-44, WHILE A MEMBER OF THE BCP CC MILITARY DEPT, AND WAS TWICE SENTENCED TO DEATH BY THE ROYALIST GOVT. 1944-49, PARTY WORK IN SOFIA. ENTERED DIPLOMATIC SERVICE 1949.

3. GRIGOROV SERVED AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY BUCHAREST 1952-
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53. AMBASSADOR TO NORTH KOREA 1954-57. AMBASSADOR TO IRAQ 1958-60. AMBASSADOR TO UK 1962-66. DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS 1966-71. FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS 1971-73. CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT CENTRAL COMMITTEE 1973-76. REPLACED BY DIMITUR STANISHEV IN MAY 1976.

4. GRIGOROV BECAME A CANDIDATE MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE
IN 1962 AND A FULL MEMBER IN 1966. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON
GRIGOROV WHEN LATTER WAS CHIEF OF FOREIGN POLICY AND INTER-
NATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPT AT CC AND RECALLS THE INTERVIEW AS
NOTABLY STERILE. GRIGOROV WENT TO GREAT PAINS TO SAY
NOTHING ORIGINAL AND SUCCEEDED WITHOUT ANY APPARENT EFFORT.
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